

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-33 are currently pending. Claims 1-33 have been amended.

Specifically, Claims 1-33 have been amended to replace the phrase "**characterized in that**" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. patent practice. Claims 3-6, 8-11, 13-14, 16, 18-23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31 and 33 have been amended to depend solely on a single claim thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the applicants' invention. In addition, the element numbers have been removed from Claims 23-25.

The Specification has been amended to include the claim to priority. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by any of these claim and specification amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4021. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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